

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to commend and honor Marie Bush for her service to the people of Tennessee and her lifelong dedication to the Overton County Democrat Party.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community and political leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bush is one such estimable person who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to the people of Overton County and the Overton County Democrat Party; and

WHEREAS, she is a highly respected member of the Livingston community, having enjoyed the privilege of living her entire life in the beautiful Upper Cumberland; and

WHEREAS, as a young girl she was introduced by her parents to the world of politics when she accompanied them to many political gatherings to show their support for Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Dealers; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bush herself became politically active in the 1940s when she joined the State Senate campaign of future Lieutenant Governor Jared Maddux; and

WHEREAS, she and her family have campaigned diligently for many meritorious Democrat candidates for Tennessee public office, including Prentice Cooper, Frank Clement, Buford Ellington and Albert Gore; and

WHEREAS, her late husband, Billie Bush, shared her devotion to the Democrat Party and together they became very prominent in political circles throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 and 1970, she assisted her husband when he was appointed county chairman for the gubernatorial campaigns of John Jay Hooker, and together they also played key roles in the campaigns of Ray Blanton, Jake Butcher, Randy Tyree, Ned McWherter and Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, the Bushes also strongly supported local Democrats running for office, including Lincoln Davis, Bart Gordon, Charlotte and Tommy Burks, John Mark Windle and a host of others; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 she was elected Secretary of the Overton County Chapter of the Tennessee Federation of Democrat Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush is currently the chair of the Overton County Democrat Party; and beginning with the election of the late Mr. Bush to that post in 1975, either he or Marie have served as chair of the Overton County Democrat Party for 22 of the last 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush is also currently the chair of the Overton County Election Commission having been appointed in 1997 to fill the seat of her late husband who had served in such capacity since 1978; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Marie Bush, who epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and thank Marie Bush for her lifelong commitment to her community, her beloved Democrat Party and the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.